

The BIG LIE of Open-Mindedness

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"... If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"
-Matthew 6:23

We hear a lot these days about having an "open-mind"; BUT, it's one of the biggest fallacies today. So many people nowadays, who think they have an open mind, are actually very closed-minded to the truth.

We are living in a brainwashed generation of people, who have bought into the New Age Movement, hook, line, and sinker. The basic tenet of New Age is that there is NO one correct spiritual pathway to the light, i.e., what they perceive as god. Rather, they believe that there are MANY paths to the light. New Agers all profess to be "open-minded" towards other faiths, no one dare condemning any particular faith as being wrong. Thus, the New Age Movement is VERY ecumenical, i.e., differing faiths who are willing to UNITE in error, rather than to be DIVIDED over truth. Of course, the Word of God commands all believers to be divided over truth (2nd Corinthians 6:14-17).

There is much peer pressure in the world today to join the New Age Movement (which is simply the religion of the New World Order, i.e., the Beast system of the coming Antichrist). We hear a lot of propaganda nowadays about diversity, and tolerance towards other faiths, homosexuals, and the wicked in general. This is the "political correctness" of our day. If the Antichrist is to successfully usurp the reigns of power when he is revealed (2nd Thessalonians 2:6), then he is going to need the masses of this world all thinking the same way. New Age is a diabolical Satanic religion which prohibits it's adherents from denouncing any other faith as being wrong, or false. Consequently, New Age suppresses the truth. In a tragic paradox, New Agers who profess to be open-minded are in reality closed-minded to the truth, because according to New Age teaching no one group can be exclusively correct in their beliefs. So even if one group had the truth, it wouldn't matter, because New Age forbids accepting one faith as being more valid than another. In essence, New Age declares that all religions are equal. In New Age, there can be NO one exclusive path to Heaven.

Open-mindedness is the biggest lie of our day. MOST people who think they are open-minded are actually closed-minded to the truth. In their very attempt to be "open-minded," they foolishly refuse to believe that any one faith or spiritual teaching could possibly be 100% truthful over all other conflicting teachings. The inherent nature of the New Age mentality is extremely closed-minded!!! In New Age, you're not allowed to say that Jesus Christ is the ONLY way to Heaven. In John 14:6 Jesus clearly stated, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." That is an exclusive statement! Jesus is claiming to be the absolute ONLY way to Heaven! Hence, if you want to find life, truth, and the way to Heaven--then you MUST come to the Father through God the Son, Jesus

Christ! All other religious teachings and faiths are a lie, and can only lead to Hellfire and destruction (2nd Thessalonians 1:8).

I ask you friend... why couldn't there be just one way to Heaven? Who are New Agers to arrogantly and hypocritically claim that there is NO one way to Heaven? How do they know that? What is the basis upon which they came to those beliefs? You see, anyone can ignorantly contend that sincerity is all that matters, and that there are numerous paths to the light; BUT, that's NOT what the precious Word of God teaches. We read in Proverb 14:12, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Again in Matthew 7:22-23 we find that misguided sincerity is a guaranteed ticket into the Lake of Fire... "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." The Word of God is concise, stating exactly what God expects from us sinners in order to go to Heaven. No one has to wonder if they're going to Heaven. We can know for certain (1st John 5:13). New Age teaches the direct opposite, i.e., that the path to god is unclear and all we can do is our best. As you have seen in Matthew 7:21-23, their best wasn't good enough. Your best won't be good enough either.

You need HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. Also, please read But to Him that Worketh Not. Please don't fall for the Devil's big lie that we should all be open-minded to the point of denial, where we dare not even consider the possibility that there may indeed be ONLY ONE WAY to Heaven. Thus, New Age is extremely closed-minded because it refuses to consider such a possibility. In New Age, everyone wins--there is no condemnation, no judgment, no Hellfire, no need for repentance, etc. The Antichrist will capitalize on people's willing ignorance of the truth ... "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (2nd Thessalonians 2:10). I can assure you from the Bible that there is ONLY one way to Heaven--and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 4:10-12). True, there are thousands of different religions today; but consider this fact... religion DIDN'T die for your sins, Jesus Christ DID! Thus, salvation is NOT found in ANY religion; but only in a Person--the Lord Jesus Christ! We are all hell-deserving sinners, guilty, under the condemnation of God's Law (Romans 3:19); but Jesus is the Savior who paid for our sins (Romans 5:8). It is Jesus' blood sacrifice that takes our sins away forever...

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." -1st Peter 1:18,19

If you consider me *closed-minded* because I believe that the Bible is God's Word, and that Jesus is the only Christ, then so be it. However, the truth is that there's not a more *closed-minded* group of people today than those who adopt New Age

teachings. Most people today have been infected with New Age thinking and don't even realize it. If you believe that there are many paths to the light, then you are infected! I've witnessed the Gospel to many people who refused to let go of the damnable notion that sincerity is all that matters. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Bible is written in black ink, and says what It says. God's will is revealed in His Word. Yet, so many people today foolishly think that God will honor their sinful self-righteousness, false religion, and misguided sincerity. Again, Matthew 7:22-33 WARNS, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Unsaved people who are truly *open-minded* will accept the possibility that Jesus Christ is the ONLY way to Heaven. To deny this is the epitome of being *closed-minded*. Most people today are very close-minded, and hostile towards the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Oprah Winfrey is a perfect example of a *closed-minded* person. She refuses to accept the possibility that the Bible could be true, i.e., that Jesus is the ONLY way to Heaven. Thank God, we <u>do</u> believe this as Christians, and have trusted upon the Lord to forgive our sins, and our names are written in the *Lamb's Book of Life* in Heaven.

God's Simple Plan